

Week 2: Paul's Gospel –The Righteousness of God

1. Core Theme

The Righteousness of God:

A central concept in Pauline theology, revealed in the gospel as God's redemptive justice.

2. Key Text

(Romans 1:16–17)

“For in the gospel the righteousness of God is revealed—a righteousness that is by faith from first to last...”

3. What Is “the Righteousness of God” in Paul?

- 1) Justification not by human effort but by God's sovereign grace
- 2) God's righteousness is not for judgment, but for salvation
- 3) A forensic declaration through faith (not transformation, but status)
- 4) To be justified means the sinner is declared righteous by faith in Christ

4. Faith vs. Law

- 1) A person is justified by faith, not by the works of the law (Romans 3:28)
- 2) The law reveals sin, but salvation comes only through the gospel
- 3) The gospel reveals God's righteousness, fully expressed in Christ

5. Application

- 1) A believer's identity is grounded in faith, not in works
- 2) Through the gospel, we enter a personal relationship with the righteous God
- 3) The church must pursue a life of righteousness centered on the gospel, not legalism or licentiousness